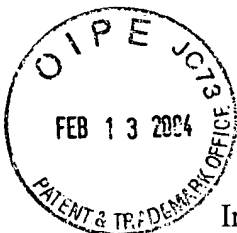


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document so listed is enclosed.

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The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of

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